

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 35-54 are pending. Claims 1-34 have been cancelled.

Applicants note with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 3-8, 12, 16, 18-20, 24, 26-28 and 32.

Claims 1, 2, 9-11, 13-15, 17, 21-23, 25, 29-31, 33 and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and/or 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of various references. It is respectfully submitted that these rejections are now moot in view of the cancellation of the claims.

Claim 35 corresponds to originally filed claims 1-3 written in independent form. The Examiner indicated that such a claim would be allowable. Claims 36-38 depend on claim 35 and therefore, they are allowable for at least the reasons claim 35 is allowable.

Claim 39 corresponds to originally filed claims 1 and 6 written in independent form. The Examiner indicated that such a claim would be allowable. Claim 40 depends on claim 39 and therefore, it is allowable for at least the reasons claim 39 is allowable.

Claim 41 corresponds to originally filed claims 1 and 8 written in independent form. The Examiner indicated that such a claim would be allowable.

Claim 42 corresponds to originally filed claims 10-12 written in independent form. The Examiner indicated that such a claim would be allowable. Claims 43-44 depend on claim 42 and therefore, they are allowable for at least the reasons claim 42 is allowable.

Claim 45 corresponds to originally filed claims 22 and 24 written in independent form. The Examiner indicated that such a claim would be allowable. Claims 46-48 depend on claim 45 and therefore, they are allowable for at least the reasons claim 45 is allowable.

Claim 49 corresponds to originally filed claims 22 and 26 written in independent form. The Examiner indicated that such a claim would be allowable. Claim 50 depends on claim 49 and therefore, it is allowable for at least the reasons claim 49 is allowable.

Claim 51 corresponds to originally filed claims 22 and 28 written in independent form. The Examiner indicated that such a claim would be allowable.

Claim 52 corresponds to originally filed claims 30 and 32 written in independent form. The Examiner indicated that such a claim would be allowable. Claims 53 and 54

depend on claim 52 and therefore, they are allowable for at least the reasons claim 52 is allowable.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the examiner's rejection, but in the interest of having some allowed claims, Applicant hereby cancels claims 1-34 without prejudice, and hereby explicitly reserves the rights to pursue the cancelled claims in one or more continuation applications.

Conclusion

Claims 1-12, 14-15 and 17-21 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Thus, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Please contact the undersigned at (503) 796-2997 regarding any questions or concerns associated with the present matter. If any fees are due in connection with this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
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